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## Planting new life



Niagara Christian Community of School students Calvin Walker, left, Shannon Vermeer and Alana Fansolata planting a tree near Frenchman's Creek on Earth Day, working closely with the Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks organization.

## Shoreline needs more access

➤ MPP Kim Craitor re-introduces bill, using Fort Erie as an example

Kris Dubé  
The Times

According to Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor, the public is entitled to more access of Ontario's shorelines.

Last week in the provincial legislature, Craitor re-introduced the Great Lakes Shoreline Right of Passage Act to his provincial colleagues, saying it needs to be opened up between the shoreline and high water mark in accordance with British common law.

"Essentially the bill will allow for the public to enjoy various beaches on the great lakes of our beautiful province," said Craitor.

The legislation prohibits property owners living adjacent to the waterfront from claiming and barricading beaches by putting fences out way into the water and allowing them to assert the beachfront as private and exclusive property.

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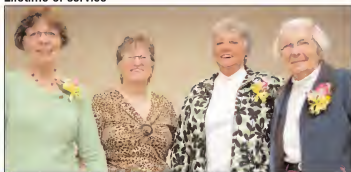


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# Shorewalk Association says bill is 'a positive step'

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The bill limits the right of passage along the shoreline to people on foot and other non-motorized means like carriages and wheelchairs and protects adjacent landowners from the noise of off-road vehicles.

Craitor believes the public should not be able to access the beach through private property and therefore a public right of way must exist so people can utilize Ontario's beaches to the fullest extent.

He feels there needs to be a better understanding of how much land property owners do have control of and get rid of encroachments designed by waterfront beachowners to divide the private and public lands, when in many cases they are claiming public property to be their own.

"Some people are selling their homes

on the basis that they have their own private beach, when in fact they don't," said Craitor.

When he brought this bill up in discussion at Queen's Park, Craitor also mentioned the work of the Ontario Shorewalk Association and its president Stephen Passero, who is also a Fort Erie resident and active community member. He also commended the hard work of its former president Garry Skerrett.

"They deserve to be recognized, not only in Fort Erie but right across Ontario," said Craitor.

Passero said he appreciates Craitor bringing this issue back to the political shore, saying "anytime we can put something back under the radar screen, it's a positive step."

He said there are some cases where some property owners do own the lands all the way up to the Lake, but in some cases it is the total opposite.

"Not every waterfront homeowner owns all the way to the water's edge. It's different all along," said



**It gives the public access to the shoreline, but also works to protect the interests of the homeowners themselves."**

— Stephen Passero

Passero.

He feels this bill is the best case scenario when it comes to allowing the public to use beachfront property they are entitled to, while respecting the residents who live along the shore.

"It gives the public access to the shoreline, but also works to protect the interests of the homeowners themselves," said Passero.

The bill will implement a fine of up to \$2,000 if the public is improperly blocked from enjoying access to the beach.



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# Finding the right pace to volunteer

➤ Over 40 non-profits share information with potential volunteers at annual fair

Kris Dubé  
The Times

"Volunteer work should be fun."

At the annual Town of Fort Erie Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, member of the museum, cultural heritage committee Keith Overend used the above comment to summarize why more people should spare some time for local non-profit organizations.

"People would pay a fortune sometimes, just to get this kind of information," he said referring to the amount of local history one can enjoy if they become a volunteer with the committee overend out of the Fort Erie Historical Museum on Ridge Road.

He said it is his understanding that many other organizations around Fort Erie are in

the same predicament as the museum committee...pleanty to do but not enough people to pitch in.

"We have too few members and too much work," said Overend.

Mary McLelland-Papp, who is also involved with the museum and cultural heritage committee agrees more people need to become involved with local groups, especially if they are eager to volunteer somewhere and have the time to do it.

She believes the most effective charity work comes from people who genuinely enjoy the work they do and that's why choosing the right organization for yourself is very important.

"I think when people are part of a volunteer effort, it's usually because they're really interested," said Papp, who is also looking to recruit help with the Fort Erie Railway Association, recently formed to raise funds for the restoration of the CN628 locomotive, stationed at the Fort Erie Railroad Museum on Central Avenue.

Ridgeway resident Marilyn Holmes could be found at the fair chatting with the Salvation

“As soon as I got back from vacation, I marked it on the calendar.”

-Marilyn Holmes

Army's community and family services manager Donna Paterson.

Holmes said she missed the event last year, but made sure that wasn't the case this time around.

"I've been wanting to volunteer for a while," said Holmes.

"As soon as I got back from vacation, I marked it on the calendar," she added.

About 40 local organizations were on hand to promote their work and share information with interested individuals.



Ridgeway resident Marilyn Holmes inquiring about volunteering with the Salvation Army, with community and family services manager Donna Paterson at the Town of Fort Erie's annual volunteer fair at the Leisurplex on Tuesday.

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# Ridgeway students take their acting to the big stage

➤ Cast and crew of *Machinal* chosen as one of 12 schools to perform at provincial finals

## Matt Day The Times

The cast and crew of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School is proving that if you love doing something, good things happen.

The student-produced rendition of *Machinal* is a story about a woman living in the late 1920s and ends up murdering her husband after having her entire life dictated by the people and machines around her.

The heavy subject line is nothing new to the school's drama program, which has historically tried to push their productions to the limit, and helped them earn some awards at the regional Sears Drama Festival held in Hamilton last weekend.

RCBHS took home outstanding production awards, and Olivia Cook was given an outstanding

actress award for her performance.

The real thrill for the cast and crew was finding out their play was chosen to represent the region at a provincial level at a showcase in Brantford beginning May 13.

Grade 12 student director Anya Baker said much of their success is attributed to the amount of fun everyone has putting the play on.

"We know the theme of the play isn't as bright as other high school performances, but we treat it as just another opportunity to have fun and create art," she said.

She said some minor adjustments are being made for their upcoming showcase featuring 11 other schools throughout Ontario.

Stage manager Liam Flagg said as much credit given to this year's ensemble needs to be given to past years' productions.

"They paved the way for us to get to where we are. Six years ago we started entering drama festivals and throughout those years we've gradually gotten to where we are today," he

said. Baker agreed, pointing out how much of a team the group of student have become.

"We've built a small community where the older kids teach the

younger kids things they've learned and it's always been that way."

What makes this recognition more enjoyable for half of the members of the play is that this will be their graduating year.

Still, they admit to feeling no pressure, even if their upcoming May performance is the biggest stage any of these young actors and actresses have performed on.

"We have no expecta-

tions going in, we just want to put on a show," said actress Brooke Heyburn.

RCBHS will be holding a fundraiser show on May 10 with tickets available by calling the school at (905) 894-3461.



The cast and crew of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School's *Machinal* show off some recent awards they took home at the regional Sears Drama Festival and other shows put on throughout the school year. The student-run play will be heading to Brantford on May 13 to perform at the Provincial Showcase which features 12 of the best high-school plays in Ontario.

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## our editorial

# Clearing up confusion about bottle drive

We all make mistakes...even the best of us.

In last week's issue, readers saw a photo and outline detailing the South Niagara Life Centre (SNLC)'s baby bottle drive.

But as it turns out, there was some information provided that has confused some people who are interested in donating or participating.

There was one word that co-ordinators of the fundraising campaign said has created a lot of questions being asked...and that word is "purchased."

The campaign is designed to have people from the community take a

bottle into their homes or businesses to then be filled with money and there is no purchasing involved.

There are about 1,500 bottles available and the local counselling ministry hopes people will get involved, now that the correct information has been explained to them.

The *Times* regrets any confusion the photo and outline in last week's issue may have caused and hopes people will recognize the importance of this fundraising initiative. For more information, call the SNLC at (905) 871-0236.

-Kris Dubé



We received no calls about the children in last week's photo who were learning pioneer skills, but we did get a phone call about the previous week's photo. You Remember photo. Marguerite Hanratty identified Girve Fretz, second from left in the photo of the gentlemen and their trophies. Of

course Mr. Fretz is a well-known politician, but Mrs. Hanratty also remembers him in his late teens working at his father's butcher shop on Jarvis St. However, we have a dilemma as someone else is sure that this is not Girve Fretz. Mr. Fretz if you read this, please contact the Museum and clear up this mystery.

This week's photo shows a girl's team sponsored by Don Simmons Sports. Tammy Bremner's name is written on the back with the date 1981.

Can anyone tell us which one she is or the names of any of the other girls? Please call the museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum.forterie.on.ca.

# Education week delivers the right message



**Kris Dubé**  
Editor's Notebook

This was another just an opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast... It was an opportunity to hear a strong message.

On Tuesday, I was an invited guest of the principal of a local elementary school to attend the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN)'s kickoff breakfast for education week, a time of year when a different message or

theme is stressed by educators about different ways of building the skills and futures of our younger generations.

This year's motto was building character attributes within students touching on topics like respect, responsibility, optimism, courage and a few others. It was a great message and I agree with comments made by school board officials about instilling these ideals within students, since they are our future doctors, lawyers, police officers, elected officials and even newspaper editors.

Everyone remembers going to school as a child and dreading their math

and science homework. But once you complete your schooling, it's a lot easier to sit back and reminisce about how important of a life-stage being a young student really is in life.

Character is definitely built according to the type of upbringing a youth has at home but so much of it also has to do with the curriculum you learn at school and the friends you make and keep for many years to follow.

I have so many memories from my time at school and I can honestly say I hold many of them very close to me still and still apply what I learned today on a regular basis.

I'm not talking about learning long division or dissecting a worm in high school science class, I'm referring to the guidance I received from my teachers and how effective they are when helping students grow into becoming good citizens. And that's exactly what the DSBN is trying to get across with its theme for this year's education week.

It's about being respectful of others around you, whether it is your teachers or fellow students. One example that was shown in a video presentation at the breakfast, was a clip of a young male student who recently moved to the Niagara

region with his family from Asia. He said he has made many friends here and that that everyone respects him for who he is and doesn't judge him because he hasn't lived here his whole life or because he is of a different nationality. I was impressed with this young man's comments for two reasons.

Firstly, because he had the courage to speak about his own situation so effectively, but also because it really shows that kids are starting to realize that everyone is unique in their own way and don't hold it against others who might be different than them in some

way. Everyone has their own qualities and personalities and making sure young people realize and welcome this on a regular basis is a major step for our society.

It looks like we are going to be on the right track, when these young individuals get out into the workforce in a few years. This is obviously the result of good parenting, but also a product of our effective education system and the messages being delivered to students.

If you would like to leave me feedback, you can call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207.

# opinion page

## Younger generation needs to be aware of health care issues

Dear Editor,

Last year, the Yellow Shirt Brigade had a large sign erected on the golf property across from the Fort Erie Town Hall which stated, 'three cemeteries and no hospital.'

We did that to show that our health care system was taking away our equal rights to accessible health care and putting the citizens of Fort Erie and surrounding area at risk.

This sign was mentioned to me by a member of the NHS, at the first information session the NHS held, in Port Colborne.

She said that the sign was supposed to come down but was still up on Garrison Road.

She then told me that the sign was "nasty and frightening."

I answered her by saying "good it was doing its job then, as people should be worried about what is happening."

I then went on to tell her that it was taken down from its original location and was now erected at my home on Dominion Road, where it will stay, as people need to know what is taking place.

One day this week a

young man knocked on my door. He apologized for coming to the door, but said that he just wanted to know what the sign meant. I explained why it was there and that it was because we are fighting to get our hospital and emergency room back, as we are losing our health care because of the NHS, the LHIN and the Liberal government.

He was concerned for all of us, and said that although he lived in Hamilton, he would be happy to get our message out and would help in any way he could.

We welcome him, and any of the people that he can reach, as they are not really aware of what is happening in Niagara.

It may take a 21 year old young man to pick up the fight for us in other areas.

Thank God that the younger generation are out there and will come forward.

Maybe slowly at first, but like us, their numbers will grow and their votes will count in the next election. This time we must get it right!

A day does not pass without someone approaching us with a per-

sonal story about their frightening experience with our health care in Niagara.

We are compiling these written horror stories and will display them when our next tragedy happens, and someone dies because of being ignored in a hospital waiting room, or in a bed or hallway, or even worse, having a perforated intestine and just being left in a bed without immediate treatment and care.

Yes, we need all the help we can get, and just knowing that there is one public minded young man out there might bring others forward.

The young know that they may need help one day and hopefully it won't take a major personal accident or illness to show them that if our system continues moving as it is now, help will not be there for them.

Yes, one young stranger with a heart and conscience is a start, but remember it is one step at a time perhaps, but it is a step forward.

Joy Russell  
Yellow Shirt Brigade

## The **TIMES** Asks

Why is it important to celebrate Earth Day?



Sarah Ranson

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## Former mayor Redekop says Ontario Hospital Association is 'out of touch'

Dear Editor,

The recent reports from the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) blamed physicians for the financial woes in Ontario hospitals is, at best, pathetic.

This is the same organization, headed by Tom Closson, that supported the Niagara Health System (NHS)'s Hospital Improvement Plan and dismissed the proposals of doctors, health care professionals and others to address the collapse of hospital services in Niagara.

The leadership of the OHA is out of touch with the rest of the province's health care providers. While the OHA produces maligning reports and makes false allegations about physicians and others, front-line health professionals are working tirelessly to find innovative solutions to improve quality care to Ontario's patients.

Now that the provincial government has taken on Big Pharma, one wonders if doctors are next in its efforts to contain health

costs. What the Minister of Health could and should do is send in a supervisor to investigate the NHS and other inefficient and floundering hospital systems in Ontario and scrap the Local Health Integration Networks.

That would be a true indication that the government is serious about preserving our hospitals and health care.

Wayne Redekop  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) **TOWN OF FORT ERIE**  
**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2010 - MONDAY OCT. 25TH**  
**ATTENTION CANDIDATES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES**

**Information Session**  
 Are you interested in running for Municipal Office or School Board in the 2010 Municipal Election?  
 The Town of Fort Erie, together with the area municipalities, will be hosting a free Candidate's Information Session to be held:

**Date: Wednesday April 28, 2010**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Location: MacIsaac Community Centre – 2nd Floor**

**7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls**



All Registered Candidates and those individuals standing for running in the 2010 Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 are cordially invited to attend free of charge.

This information session will be provided by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff and will provide information on the municipal election process, including rules and regulations related to campaign finances.

### THIS IS NOT A CANDIDATE DEBATE FORUM

All Candidates are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the recent changes to the Municipal Elections Act. This information Session is designed to provide Candidates with the current information they will need for the upcoming Municipal Elections.

For further information, please visit the Town of Fort Erie website at [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca)

For further information, please contact Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk and Returning Officer at: 905-871-1600 ext.2211 or [ckett@forterie.on.ca](mailto:ckett@forterie.on.ca)

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(3) **\*\* TAX NOTICE \*\***  
**TOWN OF FORT ERIE**  
**2010 INTERIM TAXES**  
**FOR ALL PROPERTY CLASSES**  
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## REQUEST FOR TENDER

(1) **MODULAR WASHROOM/LUNCHROOM BUILDING**  
**FD-01-2010**

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, until 2:00 p.m., **WEDNESDAY MAY 19TH, 2010.**

Tender forms may be picked up in the File Department at Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie Ontario starting Wednesday April 21, 2010.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

## Promoting Fort Erie arts around Niagara



Local artists Joachim Gmoser, left, and Janelle Connors will be taking their work to the upcoming Pelham Art Festival from May 6 to 8 at the Pelham Arena. Both are members of the Fort Erie Arts Council and say the event is a great opportunity to network with other artists and promote their own work. For more information on the local artists visit Gmoser's site at [www.cmyartwork.com](http://www.cmyartwork.com) and Connors' site at [www.janelleconnors.com](http://www.janelleconnors.com).

## Donating life



Last Friday, Canadian Niagara Power (CNP) surprised one of its employees Norman Damato, right, for donating blood for the 100th time in his life with a celebration also attended by Marcia Young, of Canadian Blood Services. Vice-president of operations for CNP Angus Orford also commended Damato for his generosity. There will be a clinic on Wednesday Apr. 28 from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall. Donors in good health from the age of 17 to 81 are needed.

## Support COPE with pasta dinner on Thursday at Italo-Club

A lot of satisfaction can result from eating a delicious meal that in turn benefits a local food bank.

On Thursday May 6, there will be a pasta dinner to benefit Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE),

held at the Italo-Canadian Club on Dufferin Street.

The evening starts at 4:30 p.m. and wraps up at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by stopping by COPE's location on Dufferin Street or by call-

ing them at (905) 871-2526. They can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

The community is encouraged to attend the dinner, to help raise funds for the local organization that is always in need.

# A ride to work is on its way

Kris Dubé  
The Times

If you are hesitant about finding a job in Niagara Falls because you don't have a means of getting there...help is on the way.

Starting tomorrow, a partnership between the Town of Fort Erie and the Business Education Council (BEC) will take effect with the "Fort to Falls" connection bus.

This is the first time an intermunicipal transit system will be available to residents in the summer months as it will start this weekend and come to a close on Sept. 6 of this year.

Funding to put this program on the road has been made available by the BEC's Niagara Prosperity Initiative and is designed to help neighbourhoods where poverty exists by offering a way to make being employed in Niagara Falls possible for those without a vehicle or other way of getting to work on time.

The one-time funding for this initiative is \$77,443.

Mayor Doug Martin said "The Town of Fort Erie is excited about being able to extend its bus service to Niagara Falls throughout

the summer months. Working together with our funding and community partners means more access for Fort Erie residents to employment, healthcare and recreation in 2010."

Part of the program being initiated involves recognizing specific neighbourhood where employment rates are low and in this case the north end of Fort Erie has been pin-pointed.

"The entire program, funding and service design was contingent on us providing this service to a neighbourhood that was identified by the Region of Niagara as at risk," said the Town's transit administrator Carla Stout.

Although this service is being provided by Niagara Transit, Stout said it is a "completely different" project than the intermunicipal transit program that was approved in 2008 to accommodate the transportation needs of college and university students.

**"This is an inter-municipal bus that is still being provided by Niagara Transit, but it's being provided as an employment hub."**

— Carla Stout

"This is an intermunicipal bus that is still being provided by Niagara Transit, but it's being provided as an employment hub," said Stout.

There are three stops on the route, which are on Gilmore Road near the QEW, the Job Gym on Wintemute Street and Wal Mart on Thompson Road.

Fare to ride is \$3.75.

## Local girls concerned about getting around this summer

Matt Day  
The Times

Last summer, children in Fort Erie were able to travel around town with ease thanks to the Kids Ride Free program offered by the Town and its partner Dunn the Mover Ltd.

This year, it's going to cost them. A normal Fort Erie transit bus ride costs \$2, which is still lower than other municipalities, but some children still say that's too much.

Mhari Fairgrieve and her friend Delaney Pearce said last year they took advantage of the promotion to attend Bay Beach, each other's houses and different events not within walking distance.

"It allowed us to actually go places in town when our parents were working all day," said Fairgrieve.

The two 13-year-olds now figure the summer

**"Two dollars a trip doesn't seem much, but it adds up over an entire summer."**

— Delaney Pearce

activities they took part in last year will greatly diminish.

"Two dollars a trip doesn't seem much, but it adds up over an entire summer," pointed out Pearce.

Between the two friends, they figured they rode the bus on average of two trips per day in a 62-day summer, not including Sundays.

Carla Stout, administrative supervisor at the Town said the \$2 fare per trip has been in place for

almost 10 years with no increases in riding made during that time.

"The promotion was aimed at trip-training our community youth to utilize the transit and to increase our ridership," she said.

Half of the youth fares were funded by Dunn the Mover with the Town's taxpayers coming up with the rest of the cost through the transit operating budget.

The idea of offering a transit pass for frequent users has been tossed around, but Dunn the Mover is currently not required by their contract with the Town to force any fare discounts until 2012 as part of the costs go towards delivering and operating the service.

Last year, there were 7,431 youth trips in the summer and the transit system now provides everyone close to 50,000 trips per year.

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<b>Oakwood Park Lodge</b> 6747 Oakwood, Nias. Falls Even & Weekend Program	<b>Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup></b> Garden Room 11:00 a.m.

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Business Farming - if horse racing is operated in a business like manner, but is not your chief source of income, any losses incurred are limited to the lesser of the actual loss or \$2500 plus one half of the net \$12,500 to a maximum of \$6,250. TYP - operate with your spouse in a partnership and double up on the allowable losses.

Full-time Farming - if horse racing is your chief source of income it is treated the same as any other business, subject to annual reporting on the income.



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**Q:** I received a mailing from an insurance company offering "final expense insurance". Is this the same as a prepaid funeral?

**A:** Not necessarily. You should never purchase any kind of "funeral plan" without discussing your decisions with a licensed funeral director. This will ensure that your contract is protected and guaranteed. I would be happy to discuss any questions regarding prepaid funerals with you.



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## Ask an Automotive Service Technician

**Q:** How you impacted your vehicle?

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**Q:** How has the First Quarter been for the Real Estate Market?

**A:** It has been an exciting First Quarter in the Real Estate Market due to the stricter mortgage rules, climbing interest rates and the new harmonized sales tax, helping to jump start the Real Estate Market this first quarter. The average price of homes that sold in Niagara this first quarter was \$217,815. Buyers and Sellers are trying to beat the new standards that were implemented by the Government to make sure the borrowers must meet a stricter guideline. According to the financial experts they are projecting a slight increase in interest rates over the next few months.



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### Ask the Chiropractor

**Q:** What is all the fuss lately about vitamin D?

**A:** Like many vitamins and minerals, vitamin D has been overlooked for years as a viable solution to many of our health problems. Only recently has the medical community begun to understand how useful and versatile vitamin D really is. Not only is vitamin D important for absorption of calcium to help build strong bones, studies have shown that daily intake of vitamin D between 1000-1500 IU have been linked to lowered risk for heart disease, colon and breast cancer, influenza and even salmonella attacks. This may only be the tip of the iceberg when looking at how vitamin D can help improve your health.

Although some foods are fortified with vitamin D, it's hard to get 1000 IU through diet alone. And don't think that you're getting enough from the sun way up here in Canada. During winter months, the vitamin D created from sun exposure is almost zero. So be sure to supplement with at least 1000 IU of good quality vitamin D daily, especially during the winter.



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## Dreams to Memories needs a hole-in-one

➤ Non-profit wants to raise awareness and funds with annual golf tournament

Kris Dubé  
The Times

There is a local non-profit organization that wants to help people, but in order for that to happen...a little bit of help needs to go its way first.

Dreams to Memories, a registered charity assists terminally ill parents with children under the age of 15, by providing them an opportunity to go on a vacation or experience that will create lasting memories.

Since the organization doesn't receive any funding from the government but helps families from all over the province, it can be a

struggle for the group to make sure the funds are available when they are needed.

"That's why fundraising is so important," said volunteer Jacquie Napper.

An upcoming chance for the community to show support for the generous and caring group is its eighth annual golf tournament at Bridgewater Country Club, on Monday May 30.

For \$140, participants can enjoy 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner, along with many prizes. Golfers will also be given a \$40 tax receipt.

Napper said the group is always very appreciative of the support the annual tournament receives, but it needs to get better.

"It's diminishing every year and it's our main money-maker," she said.

Dreams to Memories board member Mary Byrne hopes if more people are

aware of the cause they could be playing for and that the tournament's entry fee isn't too expensive...this year's event could pull in a significant amount of money.

"It's a great day for \$140," she said.

Foundation co-ordinator Patt Sinclair agrees more donors are needed, but also said families who are in need and going through a tough time with an illness shouldn't hesitate to contact them.

"We want the families to know we're here and that we're here to help," said Sinclair.

Anyone interested in playing in this tournament is urged to contact (905) 984-9777.

For more information about the non-profit organization and its efforts, you can visit them online at their website, [www.dreams2memories.org](http://www.dreams2memories.org).

## Mayor heading to Virginia to research speedway impacts

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Next weekend, the Richmond International Raceway will be a roaring event with thousands of motorsports fans cheering for their favourite driver. A few members of the crowd will also include Mayor Doug Martin and a handful of other Town and Region employees.

They will arrive on Friday to meet with municipal staff and the mayor of Richmond, VA to discuss the impacts of having a motor speedway in their community before going trackside for the Crown Royal Heath Calhoun 400, part of NASCAR's Sprint Series.

Martin said the purpose of the trip isn't to promote the proposed Canadian Motor Speedway, but to discuss with track officials and politicians about how much of an affect noise and traffic has on the community as a

whole around and on race days. He referred to it as an opportunity to evaluate effective ways of providing a quality product and event for fans, without disrupting those who live nearby.

"There's probably a good chance we'll see very little of the race, since we'll be researching what happens on a race day...how you get people in and out, those types of things," he told the Times on Tuesday.

He said it will give local officials a much better understanding of how to mitigate concerns of residents about noise, pollution and traffic congestion in the surrounding areas.

"We want to see exactly what the impact is going to

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We want to see exactly what the impact is going to be.”

— Doug Martin

be," said Martin.

The next steps for the Canadian Motor Speedway is re-zoning the lands of the proposed site, on 823 acres between Bowen and Gilmore Roads. It is expected re-zoning will be considered by government officials by the end of the year.

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#### Campaign kickoff



Ward 1 Coun. Sandy Annunziata conversing with former mayor Heinz Hummel at the first of many meet and greet events he will be hosting during his campaign, seeking the Niagara PC nomination for the next provincial election. Dozens of supporters gathered at Happy Jack's Restaurant on the Niagara Parkway to wish him luck with his political aspirations.

## Community Health Day is this Friday

### Model of care wants to dress health inequities

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Addressing health inequities due to poverty is the primary goal of Community Health Day.

On Friday Apr. 30, Ontario's 74 Community Health Teams (CHC), along with ten Aboriginal Health Access Centres and 18 Community Health Teams are celebrating the CHC model of care and calling for an increased action to promote a health equity agenda across the province.

The Bridges CHC located inside the Holiday Inn on Garrison Road will be taking part and its administrators say poverty is the biggest

inequity that needs to be looked at when it comes to health care.

"The single strongest predictor of health is income," says health promoter Rhonda Barron.

"Poverty, unfortunately is going to have the greatest impact on who is well and who is not," she added.

The Bridges CHC has been providing primary care for clients since the Fall of 2008 and Barron said it is their objective to continue focusing on social determinants such as employment, housing, income and social affiliation.

"As health providers and promoters, we're engaging people in communities to face those barriers, so we can develop programs and services in response to those needs," she said.

Frances Garwe, the Bridges CHC's program director says awareness has grown about the CHC model of care and that they receive an "acceptable" amount of patients on a regular basis.

"At the same time, we're not all about pumping people in like a factory," said Garwe.

"We want to know our clients by name and not just by the file number we have in the system," he added.

Bridges is accepting clients who are without a family physician and places a priority on families and individuals with a low income, seniors, youth, newcomers to Canada and all demographics who face challenges accessing appropriate health care and support.

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## Employment fair being held on Monday at Job Gym

**Matt Day**  
The Times

The Fort Erie Job Gym is hoping to see a lot of potential clients come through their door on April 26.

That's because they will be holding a job fair for those interested in finding work, and with Niagara's current unemployment rate being 10.7 per cent — one of the highest in the country.

Program director Julie Morrison said this is the perfect opportunity for those who want a job to come get one.

"We'll have a variety of employers here, on the spot, ready to do interviews. People could be leaving here with a job opportunity," she said.

The majority of employers are in the hospitality industry and are located in Niagara Falls. She said that should not deter anyone from potentially landing a job outside of Fort Erie thanks to the new Fort to

“**It's important to reach out to the community and provide the necessary services to make Fort Erie grow.”**

— Julie Morrison

Falls Connection transportation service which will be offering daily trips to Niagara Falls and back throughout the summer.

This initiative is being funded through the Business Education Council and will feature three round trips per day to employment hubs within Niagara Falls.

"It's important to reach out to the community and provide the necessary serv-

ices to make Fort Erie grow," she said. "This service will help bring money back into our local economy and allow people to experience all of what Niagara has to offer, even if they don't drive."

The job fair is not only featuring employers outside of Fort Erie as some businesses in town will be attending.

Not all positions being offered are full-time, as part-time and student positions are available.

"The majority of jobs on the market aren't even advertised," said Morrison. "If a job seeker is looking online or in the newspaper, they could be missing out. We can help them up into that hidden job market."

Morrison advises those who plan on attending to do so in proper interview attire. The fair runs from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Positions such as room attendants, guest service agents, photographers, cooks and customer service representatives are available through the fair.

## United Way exceeds its campaign goal

➤ **\$206,325 raised in Fort Erie and \$1,062,560 in Niagara Falls**

Despite difficult economic times, the communities of Fort Erie and Niagara Falls exceeded their 2009 United Way fundraising goals, raising \$206,325 in Fort Erie and \$1,062,560 in Niagara Falls.

"We are very excited about these results," said campaign chair Dave

Martineau.

"We knew it would be a challenging year, but the people here have once again shown their generosity and support for their community."

Many volunteers worked hard to achieve these great numbers, he added.

"It took us a little longer to get everything wrapped up, but it is great to see that both campaigns landed over the goals set last Fall," said Martineau.

The goal for Fort Erie was \$200,000 and \$1 million for

Niagara Falls.

During the winter months, the United Way's allocations committee worked on reviewing applications and awarding grants for the 2010-11 year.

Just over \$713,000 will be distributed to 31 agencies serving people in Fort Erie and Niagara Falls," explained committee chair Pat Dunn.

"As well, we will be distributing \$60,000 through our special project emergency fund this year," he added.

## Papadakis running for council

Crystal Beach resident John Papadakis has registered at Town Hall, hoping to be elected as councillor for Ward 5.

Papadakis has served as a councillor in the Greater Toronto Area and ran for

mayor in the last municipal election in Fort Erie but was defeated by Doug Martin. He also ran to be Ward 5 Councillor in the 2000 election, with Tim Haggerty coming out on top.

So far, Papadakis is the only individual who has reg-

istered to run for the position of councillor in Crystal Beach.

The incumbent, Martha Lockwood, has not yet announced whether she will be a candidate in the Oct. 25 election.

### Around Niagara



St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley watches Craig Fowler of Habitat for Humanity sign his name to a board that will be used to build an affordable home in Welland. The Niagara Home Builders' Association and the Niagara Construction Association are donating the equivalent of \$100,000 in materials, skills and people power to build the house between May 14 and 16.

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Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School forward Matt Woehl, finds his way around a Zone 4 defender during last Friday's second annual District School Board of Niagara boys' hockey all-star game. Zone 3, featuring Fort Erie and Ridgeway players, ended up taking the game 4-1 against the Zone 4 All Stars.

## Fort Erie hosts high school hockey all-star game

Zone 3 team, featuring Fort Erie and Ridgeway players, wins easily 4-1

**Matt Day**  
The Times

Although the high school hockey season is long over, some of the league's selected best hit the ice one last time Friday.

The Zone 3 All Stars faced off against the Zone 4

All Stars with Zone 3 earning the 4-1 win after their dominant offensive performance.

The game, held in the Port Erie Leisureplex, was a chance for players to showcase their talents and skills one more time in front of family, friends and fans says organizer Dave Kamatovic.

"It's a little more intense compared to your typical all star game because being in high school, these guys want to compete," he said. This is the second year in a row the District School Board of Niagara has had an allstar game, with last year's game being held in St. Catharines.

Kamatovic was given a list of each school's best players as selected by their coaches, which then were divided into zones.

The Zone 3 team, consisting of Port Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School players, jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on goals from Ridgeway's Justin Krieger and Fort Erie's Geoff Overholt. The Zone 4 team cut the lead to one

after a trickling puck found its way to the back of the net on a shot from Simcoe's Derek Miller.

That's as close as the game would get as the Zone 3 All Stars put it away on goals from E.L. Crossley's Trevor Rogers and Ridgeway's Matt Woehl.

The game was also meant to be a fun, memorable way to close out the seniors' high school careers.

Ridgeway's Drew Hampel was named the game's Most Valuable Player thanks to his presence on the ice.

"I just wanted to come out and play a good game. I'm definitely happy with how it turned out."

And for some players, it was just a chance to play hockey with some friends.

Ridgeway's Matt Woehl said it's hard not to view the allstar game as anything but competitive, but said he was still honoured and excited to be able to play one more game this year.

"It's just nice to play against the other guys which you've played with and battled with all year."

The Town of Port Erie donated the ice time for the students to be able to play.

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To people who are optimistic about the nice weather arriving and staying for longer than two days before it gets cold again. It's nice to see people wearing shorts and convertible owners driving with their tops down.

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**HAMER, Marjorie Anne** - Peacefully on April 15, 2010 in her 73rd year. Dear wife of the late George. Loving mother of Georgia (Ken) Oshpik, Dorothy (Peter) Cressatti and Lori (Peter) Sexton, all of Toronto. Much adored and very proud grandmother of Kalesa, Kim, Sarah, Justin, Bryn, Marisa and Matthew. Beloved daughter of Marjorie and the late James Gilmour and dear sister of John and Jim. She will be sadly missed by sister-in-law Mary, niece Kate and Wendy, great-niece Audrey and her extended family and friends. Mom will be remembered for her sense of humour, her honesty and friendship. She created a loving home and will always be in our hearts. Special thank you to Deanna, Sue, the staff at Garrison Place and Douglas Memorial Palliative Care Unit and especially to Dr. Kim Scher for his care and compassion. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on May 8th at 2 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church in Stevensville, Ontario. If desired, donations in her memory to Douglas Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit, Fort Erie or the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, Ridgeway ON 905-894-0120.



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## Card of thanks

**THE VANDERKLEI FAMILY** would like to thank all the wonderful neighbours for the support, cards, gifts and donations, at the passing of our sweet little grand daughter, Alivia on March 13, 2010. It meant a lot to us and was very much appreciated. Tony and Kathie Vanderklei.

## In memoriam



**Norman Donald Graham**  
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